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COMMITTEE ACTION

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity of the Committee on Homeland Security met, pursuant to notice, in open markup session, a quorum being present, on Thursday, March 30, 2006, in 311 Cannon House Office Building to consider H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes. The Committee took the following actions.

H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes; was ordered to be forwarded with a favorable recommendation to the Full Committee for consideration, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1) offered by Mr. Lungren; was agreed to, amended, by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1A), after section 7, insert the following new section entitled "Review of Waiver Denial; Additional Waiver Request."; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1B), on page 22, after line 13, insert the following new subsection "(d) Pilot Program."; was AGREED to by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1C), on page 29, line 14, add at the end the following new sentence: "Such benefits may not include reduced scores in the Automated Targeting System.".; was NOT AGREED to by a recorded vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 3).

An amendment offered by Mr. Markey to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1D), on page 21, strike line 7 and all that follows through line 13 on page 22 and insert a new section entitled "Requirements Relating to Entry of Containers Into the United States."; was NOT AGREED to by a recorded vote of 6 yeas and 8 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 4).

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1E), on page 33, beginning on line 11, strike "If the Secretary utilizes third party entitled to conduct validations of C-TPAT participants" and insert "If the Secretary determined to expand the use of third party entitled to conduct validation of C-TPAT Participants upon completion of the pilot program under paragraph (6)".; was AGREED to by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Ms. Sanchez to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1F), on page 38, line 20, strike "3-year period" and insert "2-year period".; was NOT AGREED to by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1G), on page 78, before line 1, insert the following new section entitled "Additional Customs and Border Protection Officers at United States Seaports."; was NOT AGREED to by a recorded vote of 6 yeas and 7 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 5).

An amendment offered by Mr. Thompson to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1H), At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section entitled "Transfer of Megaports Program to the Department of Homeland Security."; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Mr. Linder to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1I), on page 24, line 6, insert new subsections entitled "(C) Pilot Program."; (d) Deployment of Next-Generation Radiation Portal Monitors."; and redesignate section (c) as (e); was AGREED to by voice vote.

An amendment offered by Mr. Langevin to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1J), at the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new sections entitled "Amendment to the Defense Production Act of 1950."; and "Sense of Congress."; was WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent.

An amendment offered by Mr. Jindal to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (#1K), at the appropriate place in the bill, to insert a new section entitled "Information Sharing."; was AGREED to by voice vote.

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